



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE Ukiah Gun Club Prescribed Burn

PROJECT LOCATION Ukiah Rifle and Pistol Club grounds
Address: 2300 Vichy Springs Road, Ukiah, CA 95482. **COUNTY** Mendocino
Legal Description: Portion of Un-Sectioned Yokaya Rancho Land Grant; T15N, R12W; Mount Diablo Baseline & Meridian

LEAD AGENCY California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves a prescribed burn of cured surface fuels, primarily grass, approximately 15 acres in size. The vegetation type is grassland with a partial overstory of native oak trees. The primary purpose of the burn to reduce overall fuel loading to decrease the chance of a catastrophic wildfire in the future. A secondary goal is to maintain the presence of fire as a natural element of the ecosystem. The fire will carry through the grassland with low to moderate flame heights, leaving the oak trees intact at the conclusion of the burn.

EXEMPTION STATUS

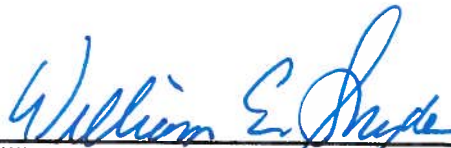
- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4; 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The prescribed burn will result in only minor surface vegetation and soil disturbance. The California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDB) was searched and no rare, threatened or endangered plant or animal species were identified that will be negatively impacted by this project. The CAL FIRE Area Archaeologist has been consulted and has determined that this project is exempt from further archaeological review. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit, Resource Management, 17501 N. Highway 101, Willits, CA 95490, Attn. Environmental Coordinator.

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